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"Once this cruel experiment in market competition has played itself out, we are left with chronically underfunded public schools, school closures, disrupted lives, and an ever more unbreakable pattern of segregation, inequality, and poverty."
- Michael Zilles, President of the Newton Teachers Association speaking on the aftermath of Question 2

Have You Voted Yet? Early Voting Available Through November 4th

This year, for the first time Massachusetts voters are able to participate in early voting. So far, Secretary of State William F. Galvin projects 500,000 Massachusetts voters have taken advantage of this opportunity. If you want to vote early, Here's what you need to know:

Who: All registered Massachusetts voters are eligible to vote early.

What: Early voting gives the voters of Massachusetts the liberty to cast their ballot anytime between October 24th and November 4th - either in person or by mail - rather than attending a polling place on Election Day, November 8th.

When: Local election officials are mandated to allow early voting during normal business hours between **Monday, October 24th through Friday, November 4th**. All have been requested to host extended hours but this is not required and varies based on city/town.

Where: To look up the location(s) and hours of operation for you local municipality please visit:
http://www.sec.state.ma.us/EarlyVotingWeb/EarlyVotingSearch.aspx

Before you cast your ballots be sure to familiarize yourself with your candidates for State Representative and Senator by checking out our list of Endorsed Candidates & Campaigns.

All Hands on Deck! General Election GOTV Volunteer Opportunities with AFL-CIO Candidates

There is no shortage of volunteer opportunities between now and Election Day, with so much at stake on Tuesday November 8, we need as many people as possible on the doors talking to voters. Shoring up the contentious election in **New Hampshire** is one of the most crucial agenda items this year. An important state for the presidential election, a fiercely fought Senate race, and plenty of down ballot races. Every body up there matters; if you can, make the trip up and help out our union brothers and sisters.

- Click here for Volunteer Opportunities in New Hampshire with the NH AFL-CIO

The **No On 2 campaign** is fighting the privatization of our education system. Voting No On 2 means upholding the value of quality education being a right for ALL students across Massachusetts. Right now and through Election Day, the No On 2 campaign needs your help.

- Click here for a list of volunteer opportunities with the NO on 2

campaign

MA AFL-CIO endorsed State Legislative candidates also need help Getting Out The Vote through Election Day, Tuesday November 8th. These candidates believe in building an economy that works for everyone - not just the wealthy and well connected. It's crucial that working people elect politicians who will represent the needs of working people on Beacon Hill.

- Click here for a list of Volunteer Opportunities with Massachusetts State Legislative Campaigns

Vote No on 2, Early! Join Senator Elizabeth Warren, Attorney General Maura Healey, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, and 200 school committees

Why join the fight against ballot question 2? Read and share these resources and reasons to Vote No on 2:

- See how much money your district is losing to Charter Schools
- Question 2 Myths Debunked
- Most Massachusetts Mayors - 32 so far - Voting No on 2
- 200 School Committees Voting No on 2
- The privatization of education and the dark money behind Question 2: Heirs to the Walmart Fortune, the Koch Brothers, Fox News Owner Rupert Murdoch, and more...

Find ways to join the campaign and volunteer across the state: No on 2 GOTV Volunteer Opportunities

Congratulations HUDS workers! New contract achieved after 22 day strike

Congratulations are in order to the striking HUDS workers and all of the allies who came out to support them; union brothers and sisters, students, faculty, and community members alike. After 22 days of striking, Unite Here Local 26 union President Brian Lang argued; “We achieved every goal, without exception, with no concessions to Harvard." Lang continued to describe the minimum annual pay of

$35,000 as “the new standard for food-service workers, and we’re going to bring them out of poverty.” Read the full story here

Share this story on Twitter and Facebook!

Tufts University Janitors Vote to Authorize Labor Strike

Should Negotiations between C&W Services, Tufts University’s cleaning contractor, and 32BJ SEIU not deliver a fair agreement on new contracts tonight, October 31st, Tufts Janitors have voted to authorize a strike. Tufts janitors are asking for more full time jobs as well as fair wage increases to keep up with the rising cost of living, maintaining affordable family health care and ensuring the Tufts janitors have stronger contractual protections against indiscriminate layoffs.

Keep up with this story by following 32BJ SEIU on twitter and share this story on social media via the links below.

UMass Labor Center ULA Scholarships Now Available

The UMass Amherst Labor Center is announcing an exciting new scholarship program for their limited residency Master's degree program in Labor Studies (ULA). Designed for union officers, staff and activists, participants attend 5 ten-day sessions held in January and July and receive their Master's degree in three years. Click herefor more information about the program.

This new scholarship program will cover the tuition costs for up to ten (10) new students to start in the ULA session January 8-18, 2017. Students would only need to cover their travel and a meal/facility charge.

Want to apply? Find out more here

October 31, November 2 and 3: Labor to Labor Phone Bank to members in NH: Every Mon, Wed, and Thurs through the Election!
November 1: Labor-to-Labor Phone Bank at IBEW LOCAL 103
November 1: No On 2 Rally - Boston
November 2: Save Our Public Schools Worcester Phone Bank and Canvass
November 3: Save Our Public Schools Belmont Phone Bank and Canvass
November 3: Save Our Public Schools Brookline Canvass
November 3: Save Our Public Schools Waltham Canvass
November 3: Save Our Public Schools Concord Canvass
November 3: Save Our Public Schools Somerville Canvass
November 6: Save Our Public Schools Tyngsborough Canvass
November 4 - 8: New Hampshire GOTV Volunteer Opportunities with the New Hampshire AFL-CIO Through Election Day
November 5 - 8: Massachusetts GOTV Volunteer Opportunities with Mass. AFL-CIO Endorsed State Legislative Campaigns Through Election Day
November 5 - 8: Volunteer opportunities with the NO on 2 campaign through Election Day

November 8: Election Day!

@mikeday4rep: @massaflcio Thank you for the great support and for always standing up for our working families. #mapoli

@unionbrickie: A few choice words from @joekennedy before heading out to knock on doors this morning for @vote4jacques

@massaflcio #vote4jacques

@MetroBTC: Organized Labor out front for @HillaryClinton in @NHAFLCIO @massaflcio @BldgTrdsUnions @Local6Insulators @FrankMBTC

@UNITEHERE26: BREAKING: The contract has been ratified, strike at @Harvard is over #supportthestrike #victorytothestrikers #1u

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